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VIA BUNKER CHLS

FROM HENRY A. KISSINGER

TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER, SAIGON

CITE WHS2221

1. GENERAL ABRAMS WILL BE ARRIVING ON WEDNESDAY MORNING. HE WILL BE MAKING HIS OWN ARRANGEMENTS AND YOU WILL BE GETTING MORE SPECIFIC WORD IN OTHER CHANNELS. HE WILL BRING WITH HIM FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE PLAN AS IT NOW STANDS LESS THE POLITICAL SECTION.

2. THE PRESENT STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

--A CEASEFIRE-IN-PLACE IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

--AN END OF THE BOMBING AND MINING OF THE NORTH.

--WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. AND ALLIED FORCES WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE AGREEMENT.

--RELEASE OF PRISONERS ON BOTH SIDES IN PARALLEL WITH WITHDRAWALS.

--UNLIMITED ECONOMIC AID WOULD BE PERMITTED.

--NO LIMITS ON REPLACEMENT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT (WE WILL DISCUSS SPECIFIC PROVISIONS IN DETAIL WITH YOU).

--NO REINFORCEMENTS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT FROM OUR SIDE OR NORTH VIETNAM.

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--NO USE OF BASE AREAS.

--REUNIFICATION TO BE DECIDED BY NORTH AND SOUTH, WITH NO TIME SCHEDULE

--JOINT COMMISSIONS AMONG THE BELLIGERENTS AND AN INTERNATIONAL BODY TO IMPLEMENT AND SUPERVISE THE MILITARY PROVISIONS.

--AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE CONVENED TO GUARANTEE THE AGREEMENT.

3. NEW POLITICAL PROVISIONS WHICH WE WILL FINALLY SETTLE IN THE MEETING ON THE 17TH WILL BE FAR MORE ACCEPTABLE THAN ANYTHING THIEU HAS SEEN AND WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF PRESERVING THE GVN. WE SHOULD NOT SURFACE THESE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THIEU AT THIS POINT AND THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY. WE WANT TO USE THEIR FAVORABLE TERMS AS ENCOURAGEMENT TO GET HIM TO AGREE TO A CEASEFIRE.

WARM REGARDS.

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